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**For the Period April 17 to 23, 2012**

Warm and favourable weather has allowed some producers to start seeding, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Peas and lentils are being seeded in some southern areas; however, the majority of producers will be waiting a few more weeks for the soil to dry up before they can begin seeding. The east-central and southeastern regions have received the greatest amount of precipitation in the past week, up to 41 mm in some areas.

With a few exceptions, there is adequate topsoil moisture in the majority of crops districts. Crop reporters in some east-central areas are indicating a surplus of moisture and some areas in the west-central and northwest regions are short of topsoil moisture on cropland, hay land and pasture. Pasture conditions in most crop districts are good to excellent, and there is an adequate supply of water for livestock.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving and controlling weeds.

## **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Crop reporters have indicated adequate to surplus cropland, hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions. Significant rainfall received late last week has slowed down producers but seeding has begun in some areas. The Rocanville and Tantallon areas recorded the greatest amount of precipitation this past week at 18 mm and 24 mm, respectively. Tantallon has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation for the region since April 1 at 78 mm.

Pasture conditions are fair to good with most pastures in good condition. Livestock water availability is mostly adequate.

There have been reports of nitrogen fertilizer prices increasing in the face of tight supplies. There have also been reports of a shortage of pulse inoculants. Potholes and sloughs have dried up and crop reporters are indicating that seeding should be more normal this year.

Farmers are busy working fields, seeding, attending auctions and finishing calving.

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### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Seeding has begun in the southwestern region. Precipitation last week helped to recharge the soil but there are indications that additional moisture will be needed soon. The Eyebrow area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 17 (27 mm).

Crop reporters have indicated that the majority of cropland, hay land and pasture have adequate topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are reported as being good to excellent for most of the region. There is an adequate supply of drinking water for livestock.

There have been reports of increasing fertilizer prices and decreasing supply. The recent cool weather has slowed down field work but crop reporters are anticipating the majority of seeding to begin this week. Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, finishing calving and getting machinery ready.

### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

The region received a significant rainfall late last week, with the Goodeve area reporting the greatest amount of precipitation at 41 mm. This area has received 118 mm of precipitation since April 1. Field work and seeding in most areas has been delayed due to the excess moisture; there have been indications that a week of warm weather is needed before seeding can begin.

Cropland, hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions for most of the area have been reported as adequate to surplus. Forty-nine per cent of the pastures are indicated to be in good condition while 27 per cent are indicated to be in fair condition. Livestock drinking water supplies are adequate.

Supplies of most inputs are adequate, although there have been reports of both nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer shortages and increasing prices. Farmers are busy cleaning grain, working on machinery and finishing calving.

### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

Seeding has begun in the west-central region. Light showers last week have helped to recharge the topsoil but crop reporters have indicated that more moisture is needed in some areas. The Conquest area recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 17 (16 mm).

There is adequate topsoil moisture on the majority of the cropland, hay land and pasture, and pasture conditions are good to excellent. Ninety-four per cent of livestock producers have adequate supplies of drinking water for their animals. Four per cent of the acres will be unseeded due to excess moisture conditions.

Fertilizer prices have been reported to be increasing as the supply decreases. Warmer weather this week will be needed before the majority of producers will begin seeding. Farmers are busy harrowing, applying anhydrous ammonia, controlling weeds and working on equipment.

### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Trace amounts of precipitation have been recorded, with the Humboldt area receiving the greatest amount (10 mm) since April 17. Cropland, hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is adequate, and pasture conditions are rated as fair to good. Drinking water supplies for livestock are indicated to be adequate.

There are reports that a week of warmer weather is needed before field work and seeding can begin. There have also been reports of nitrogen fertilizer shortages. Farmers are busy calving, preparing machinery and attending auctions.

### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

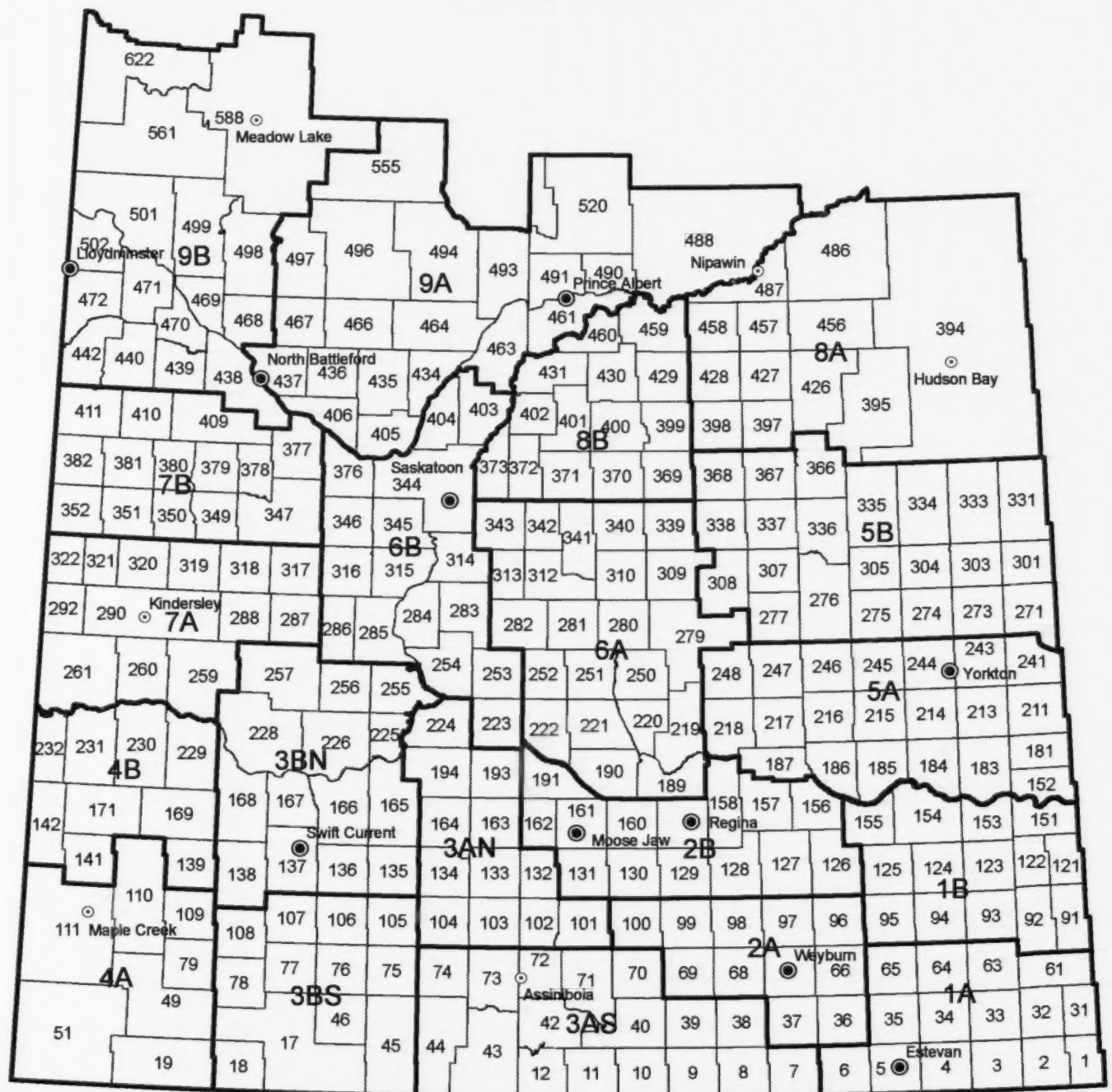
Light showers on April 20 have helped recharge the topsoil in many parts of the region, but conditions are still dry. Fifty-eight per cent of cropland is reported to have adequate topsoil moisture, while 37 per cent is short. Fifty per cent of the hay land and pasture has adequate topsoil moisture, while 38 per cent is short of moisture.

Most pastures are in good condition and livestock drinking water supplies are adequate.

More moisture and warmer weather is needed in many areas before seeding will begin. There have been reports of shortages in nitrogen fertilizer and seed oats. There have also been reports of fires in some areas due to dry conditions.

Farmers are busy calving, heavy harrowing and cleaning grain.

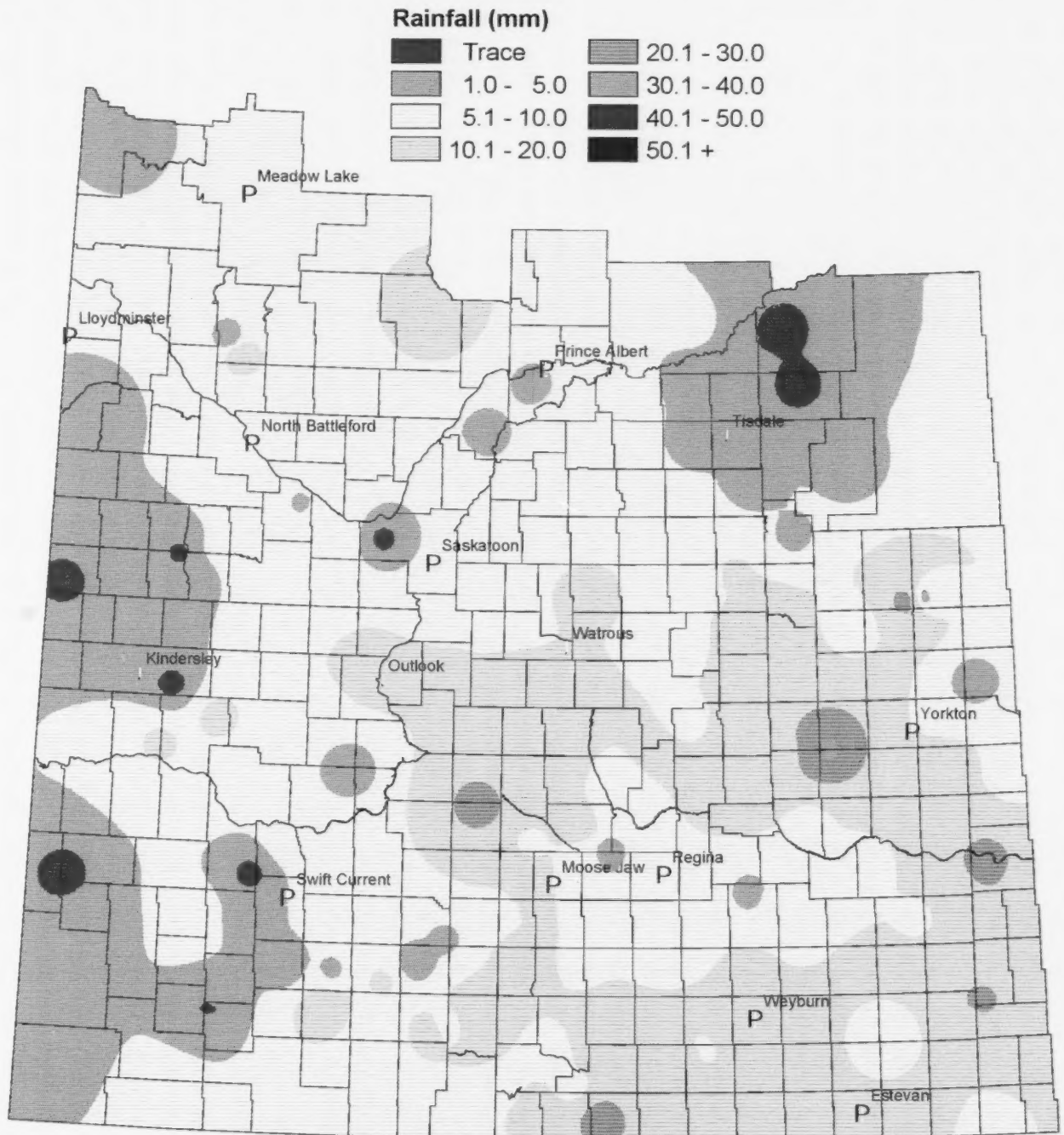
# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan





# Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 23, 2012



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Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

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IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Prepared by: Geomatics Services Date: April 25, 2012

# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 17 to 23, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	23	4A	19	Frontier	9.1	27	7B	347 A	Bigger	7.5	24
	2	Mount Pleasant	7	36		49 A	White Valley	N/A	N/A		347 B	Bigger	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	12	38		49 B	White Valley	N/A	N/A		350 A	Mariposa	0.5	1
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	33		51	Reno	2.3	15		350 B	Mariposa	1	7
	34	Browning	N/A	N/A		70	Arlington	N/A	13		351	Progress	2	7
	61 A	Antler	N/A	N/A		106	Carmichael	N/A	6		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	NIL
	61 B	Antler	N/A	NIL		110	Plapdt	N/A	5		377	Glenside	4	19
	63	Moose Mountain	18	61		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		378 A	Rosemount	8	21
	64	Brook	7	48	4B	139	Gull Lake	9	14		378 B	Rosemount	9	23
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	21		141	Big Stick	3	11		379	Reford	6	15
1B	91	Maryfield	12	47		142	Enterprise	NIL	6		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	92	Walpole	21	65		160	Pittville	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	6	14
	95	Golden West	N/A	40		231	Happyland	5	5		409 B	Buffalo	N/A	4
	122	Martin	N/A	48	5A	183	Fertile Belt	N/A	55		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	123	Silverwood	12	49		188	Abemethy	7	55		411	Senlac	NIL	5
	124	Kingsley	9	47		211	Churchbridge	7	37	8A	365	Porcupine	3	72
	151 A	Rocanville	24	78		213	Salicosts	14	64		367	Barrier Valley	2.8	35
	151 B	Rocanville	18	52		214	Cana	N/A	N/A		428	Star City	4	56
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		216	Tullymat	N/A	52		456	Arborfield	NIL	70
	154	Elcapo	N/A	42		217	Lipton	13	68		457	Connaught	N/A	50
	155	Wolseley	6	72		241	Calder	N/A	19		458	Willow Creek	4	40
2A	86	Griffin	N/A	N/A		243	Wallace	5	17		466	Moose Range	NIL	41
	87	Weyburn	11	20		245 A	Garry	N/A	N/A		487	Nipawin	1	91
	88	Brokenshell	11	26		245 B	Garry	41	118	8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	35
	89	Norton	N/A	N/A		245 C	Garry	20	88		370	Humboldt	10	40
	97	Wellington	11	26		246	Isuma Bon Accord	14	92		371	Bayne	8	25
2B	127 A	Francis	7	43		247	Kelross	18	81		372	Grant	6	20
	127 B	Francis	2.5	17		248	Touchwood	8	30		402	Fish Creek	5	21
	129	Bral's Lake	7	26	5B	271	Cole	3	37		429	Flett's Springs	5	29
	131	Baldwin	5	5		276 A	Foam Lake	N/A	N/A		459	Kinistino	5	30
	156	Indian Head	9	74		276 B	Foam Lake	16.5	85		480	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A
	160 A	Pense	7	17		277	Emerald	10	98	9AE	481	Prince Albert	4.6	34
	160 B	Pense	4.5	20		305	Invermay	5	43		488	Torch River	6	6
	161	Moose Jaw	8	20		307	Eltros	18	101		491	Buckland	N/A	27
	162	Caron	20	41		308	Big Quill	7	69	9AW	496	Mayfield	7	28
	191	Marquis	9	19		333 A	Clayton	2	50		435	Redberry	N/A	N/A
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	9	24		334	Preeceville	26	29		436	Douglas	6	24
	38 B	Laurier	10.5	26		336	Sasman	10	103		483	Duck Lake	4	27
	39 A	The Gap	14	39		337	Lakeview	11	61		484	Leask	N/A	15
	39 B	The Gap	14	34		338	Lakeside	7	56		487 A	Round Hill	N/A	16
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	26	48		366	Kelvington	4	81		487 B	Round Hill	10	27
	12	Poplar Valley	12	25	6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	N/A		494	Canwood	16.5	39
	40	Bengough	8	11		190 A	Dufferin	7	26		497	Medstead	10	23
	42	Willow Bunch	8	20		190 B	Dufferin	15	25	8B	438	Battle River	5	18
	43	Old Post	8	13		190 C	Dufferin	3	24		440	Hilldale	N/A	2
	44	Waverley	N/A	22		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	29		442	Manitou Lake	1.8	6
	70	Key West	18	23		219	Longlakeston	12	39		488 B	Mecia	N/A	12
	71	Excel	5	14		220	Mokilop	6	33		496 A	Parkdale	16	41
	73 A	Stonehenge	6.9	7		221	Sarnia	11.6	30		496 B	Parkdale	NIL	14
	73 B	Stonehenge	18	33		222	Craik	17	37		499	Mervin	6	24
	74	Wood River	12	20		251	Big Arm	11	33		501 A	Frenchman Butte	5	27
3AN	101	Terrill	8	30		252	Arm River	15	22		501 B	Frenchman Butte	6	16
	102	Lake Johnston	15	29		279	Mount Hope	10	30		501 C	Frenchman Butte	9	11
	103	Sutton	N/A	10		282	McCraney	12	13		501	Loon Lake	6	18
	104	Gravelbourg	2	2		309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A		568 A	Meadow Lake	6	20
	132	Hillborough	5.5	20		313	Lost River	N/A	6		568 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	26
	134	Shamrock	4	14		339	Leroy	10	71		568 C	Meadow Lake	9	22
	164	Chaplin	N/A	N/A		340	Wolverine	12	27		568 D	Meadow Lake	2.6	19
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	13		341	Viscount	N/A	10	622	Beaver River	3	20	
	193 B	Eyebrow	27	40		343	Blucher	6	23					
	194	Enfield	N/A	5	6B	283	Rosedale	11.5	18					
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	40		284	Rudy	12	20					
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A		285	Fertile Valley	16	25					
	45	Markota	6	25		286	Milden	8	19					
	75 A	Pinto Creek	9	30		314	Dundum	8	18					
	75 B	Pinto Creek	5	20		344	Corman Park	NIL	14					
	76 A	Auvergne	13	22		346	Perdue	9	31					
	76 B	Auvergne	16	26		378 A	Eagle Creek	7	23					
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	22		378 B	Eagle Creek	8	28					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	11		403	Rostham	6	18					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	5	27	7A	259	Snipe Lake	11.8	21					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	4	14		260 A	Newcombe	11	18					
	105	Glenbain	11	22		260 B	Newcombe	N/A	3					
	106	Whiska Creek	4	14		287	St. Andrews	N/A	13					
	107	Lac Pellerier	2	18		288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	13					
	108	Bone Creek	4	13		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	NIL					
3BN	138	Webb	3	12		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	N/A					
	166	Excelsior	7	23		292	Milton	N/A	9					
	167	Sask. Landing	7.6	17		317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A					
	168	Riverside	NIL	15		317 B	Marriott	5.5	23					
	226	Victory	2	9		318	Mountain View	6	22					
	228	Lacadena	N/A	N/A		320 A	Oakdale	N/A	5					
	257	Monet	6	18		320 B	Oakdale	2	9					
						321	Prairieville	5	13					

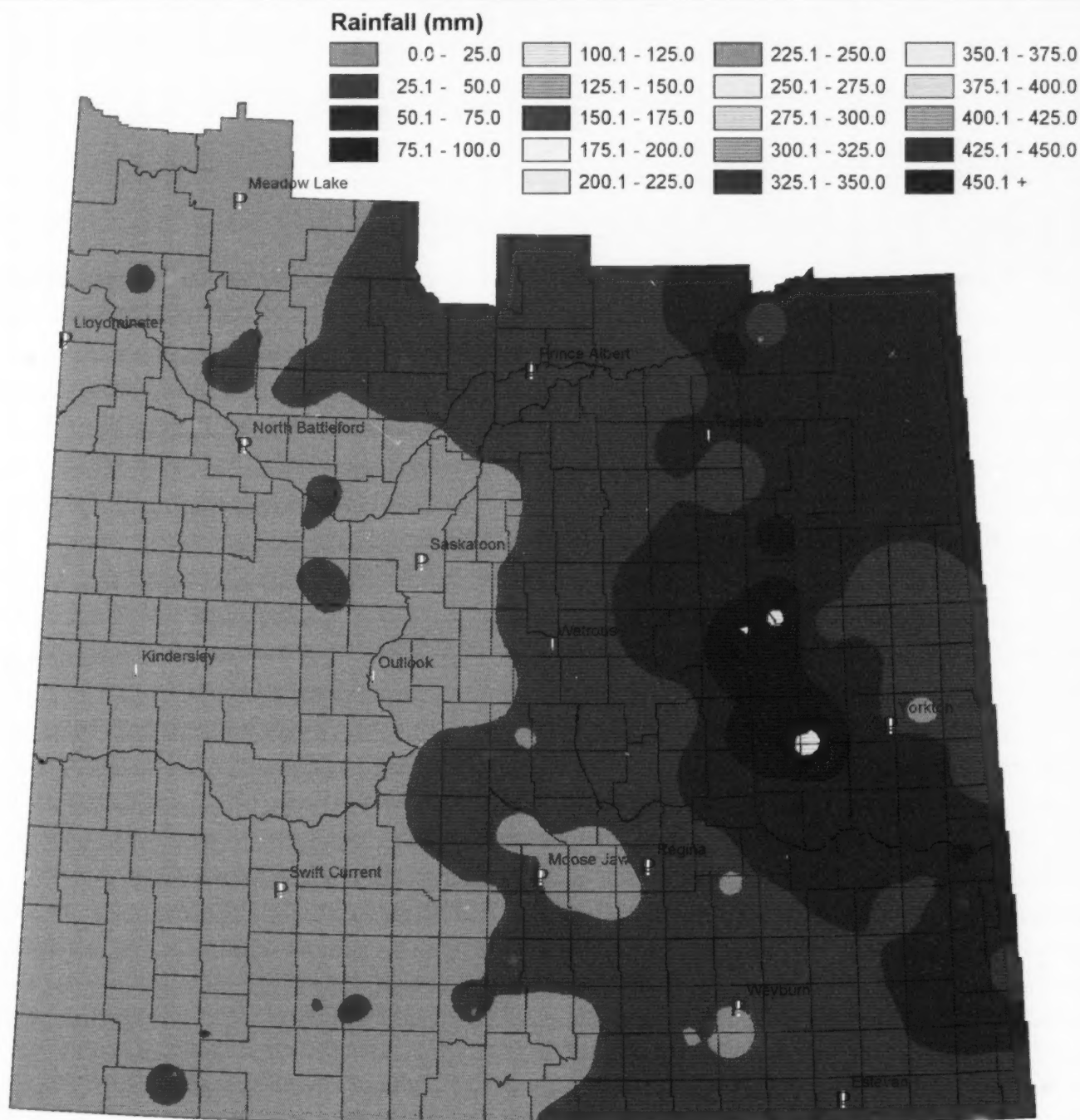
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These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012

To: April 23, 2012



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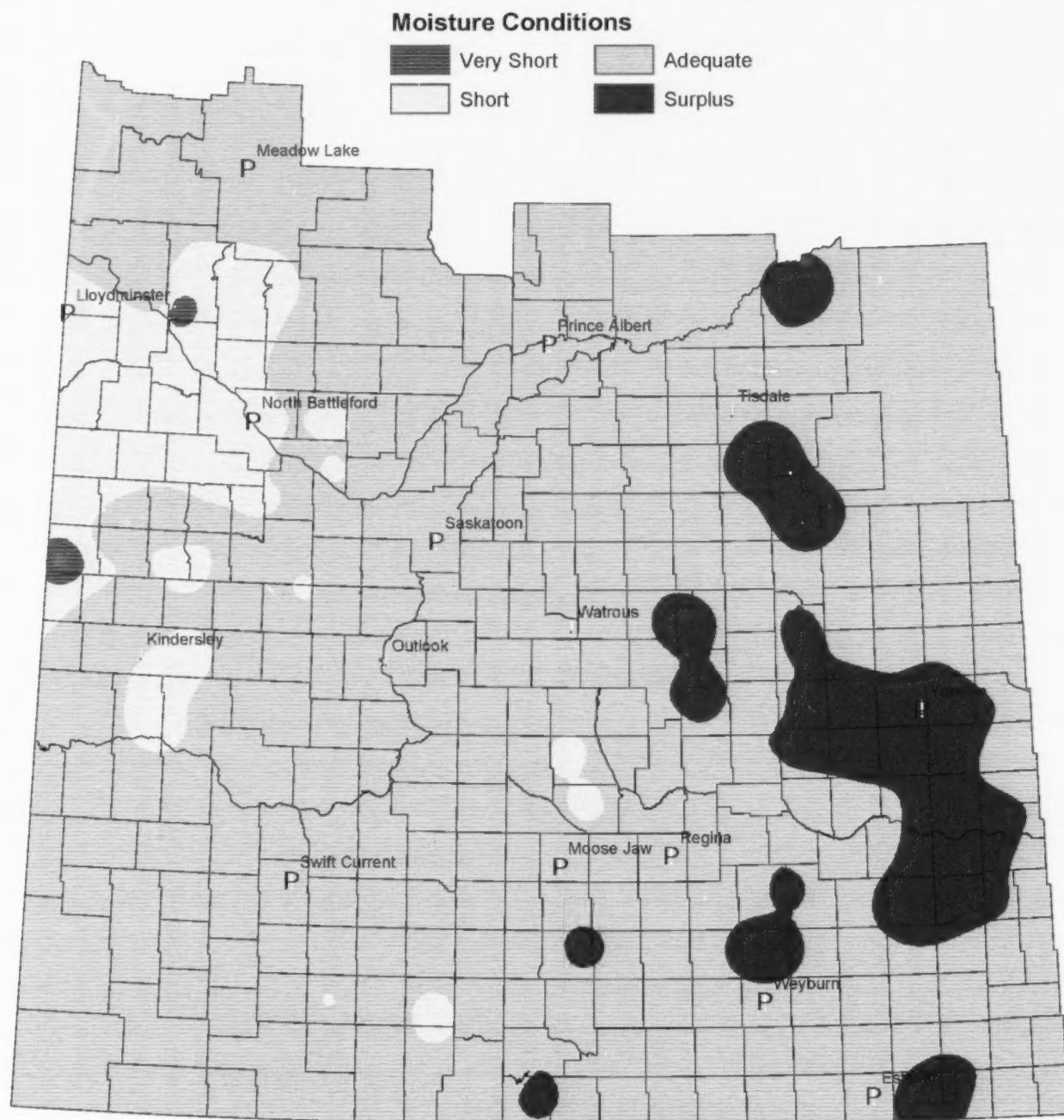
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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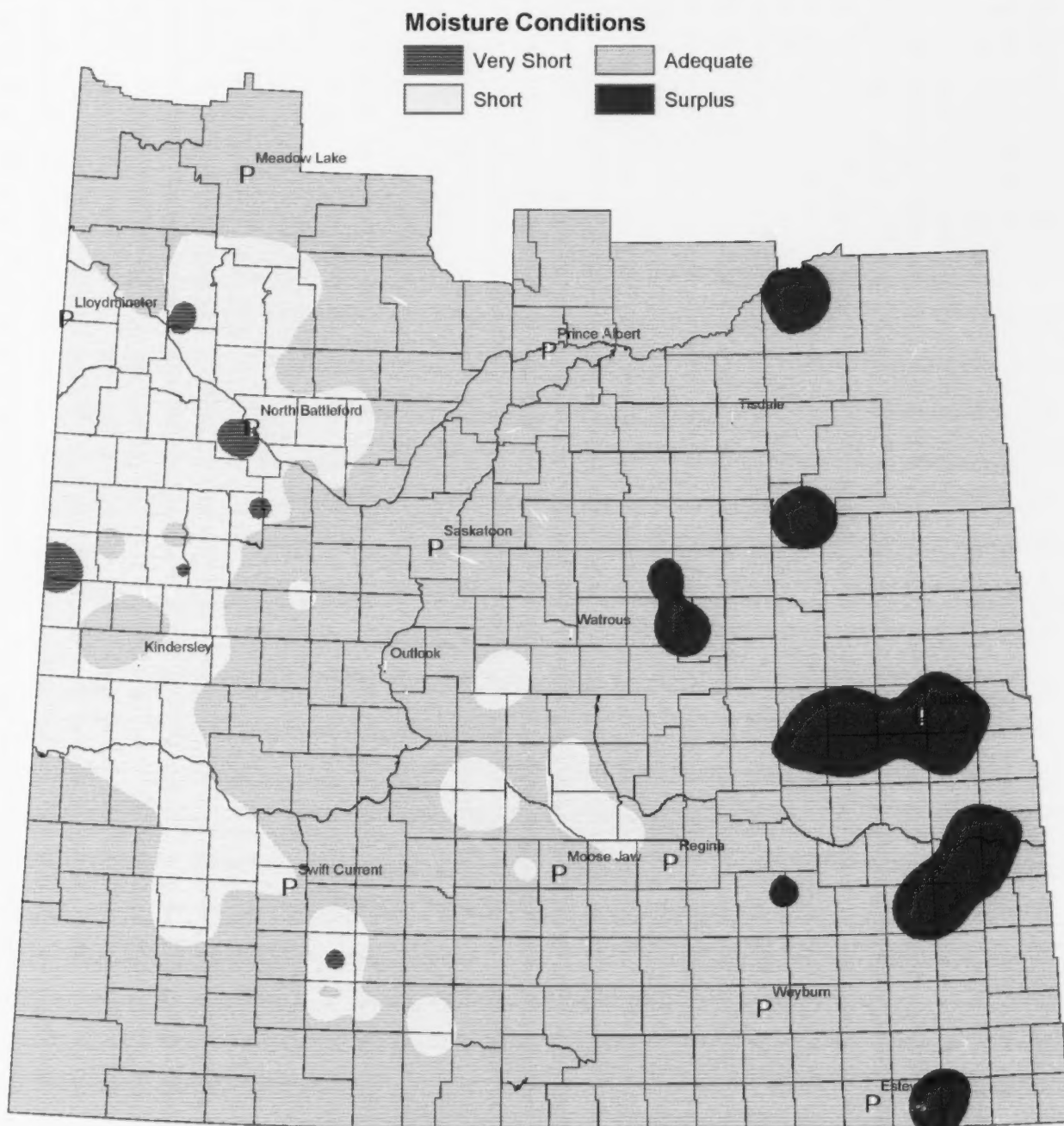
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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